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SUBJ: JUNE 26 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. BALTIMORE SUN PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM
UNITED NATIONS REPORTING THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ARE
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SAID TO BE SEEKING TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP OF CONFERENCE OF
COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT FROM 31 TO EITHER 35 OR 36 STATES.
AP SAID "BIG QUESTION IS WHETHER REORGANIZATION OF GENEVA
BODY WOULD GIVE SEATS TO CHINA, WHICH NEVER HAS BEEN MEM-
BER, AND FRANCE, WHICH BOYCOTTS COMMITTEE TO PROTEST
AGAINST ITS SOVIET-AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP." AP SAID
JOINT INITIATIVE IMPROVED PROSPECT THAT SPECIAL SESSION

OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT WILL COME UP WITH AT LEAST ONE SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENT. AP QUOTED WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMAT AS SAYING SOVIET UNION FAVORED KEEPING EXISTING CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ARRANGEMENT AS REFLECTION OF IMPORTANCE OF BIG POWERS IN DISARMAMENT PROCESS. UNDER BRITISH PROPOSAL, CCD WOULD MAKE WAY FOR NEW BODY, DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. CCD WOULD ASK U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO NAME AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ORGANIZE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE'S AGENDA, FUNCTION CCD CO-CHAIRMEN NOW PERFORM.

FRANCE AND CHINA BOTH WANT CCD REPLACED WITH U.N. PANEL RESPONSIBLE TO DELIBERATE ORGAN INCLUDING ALL 149 U.N. MEMBERS. BOTH WANT TO SCRAP CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

2. BALTIMORE SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTED ON BREZHNEV'S SPEECH IN MINSK, AS SUMMARIZED IN TASS. SUN SAID SPEECH "UNDERLINED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE, AND APPEARED TO BE DESIGNED TO NEUTRALIZE SOME OF RANCOR THAT HAS CREPT INTO SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS." BREZHNEV, SUN ADDED, SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR "REASONABLE, REALISTIC COMPROMISE" IN MBFR TALKS. HE SAID SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ALREADY "HAVE GONE MORE THAN HALFWAY." BREZHNEV ALSO HINTED THAT WARSAW PACT WOULD EXPECT WESTERN CONCESSION ON ISSUE OF WHETHER EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN CUTBACKS.

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3. FRED BARBASH OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT DR. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, NSC SPECIALIST ON SOVIET AFFAIRS, HAS CALLED FOR CONCERTED USE OF ECONOMIC TRADE AS U.S. LEVERAGE ON SOVIET MILITARY AND ECONOMIC POLICY." HUNTINGTON MADE REMARKS TO SELECT GROUP OF ABOUT 50 BUSINESSMEN, ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND NATIONAL SECURITY AT WEST POINT TEN DAYS AGO. THOSE ATTENDING WERE TOLD SPEECH WAS TO BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY, BUT NUMBER AGREED TO DESCRIBE IT TO POST WHEN ASKED. HUNTINGTON "MAINTAINS AN EXCEPTIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP" WITH BRZEZINSKI, BARBASH NOTED. HUNTINGTON REPORTEDLY SAID U.S. TRADE POLICY HAS NOT ADJUSTED TO NEED TO COUNTER SOVIET EXPANSION, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA, AND TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN SUCH AREAS AS SALT. HE SAID U.S. SHOULD ASSUME POSTURE OF "CONDITIONED FLEXIBILITY" AND THAT TRADE SHOULD BE "CONDITIONED ON ACHIEVEMENT OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY OBJECTIVES". U.S. SHOULD HOLD OUT PROSPECT THAT IF SOVIETS ARE COOPERATIVE IN OTHER AREAS, DOORS TO TRADE COULD BE OPEN, HE SAID, BUT IF THEY ARE NOT, IF THEY ENGAGE IN MILITARY ADVENTURISM, DOORS COULD BE CLOSED.

4. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST SAID DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN'S UPBEAT SPEECH TO COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO WAS, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, TERIGNED TO DISPEL PUBLIC QUALMS ABOUT U.S.-SOVIET MILITARY BALANCE. BROWN ASSERTED THAT "SOVIET UNION IS NOT STRONGER MILITARILY THAN U.S." IN DISCUSSING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S NUCLEAR STRATEGY, BROWN REPEATED THAT HEART OF IT REMAINS MUTUAL DETERRENCE -- MEANING THAT U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SO MANY MISSILES POINTED AT SOVIET UNION THAT SOVIETS COULD NOT HOPE TO DESTROY ALL OF THEM IN SURPRISE ATTACK AND THUS WOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM

LAUNCHING FIRST STRIKE. "IN WHAT KREMLIN MIGHT REGARD AS VEILED THREAT," WILSON REPORTED, "BROWN INDICATED THAT U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT ADOPT 'LAUNCH ON WARNING' STRATEGY FOR ITS LAND MISSILES IF SOVIET UNION KEEPS BUILDING NUCLEAR BLOCK-BUSTERS DESIGNED TO DESTROY THEM." BROWN SAID "SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT OUR MINUTEMAN MISSILES WOULD NO LONGER BE IN SILOS WHEN THEIR ICBM'S ARRIVED. WE HAVE NOT ADOPTED DOCTRINE OF LAUNCH UNDER ATTACK, BUT THEY SURELY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SUCH POSSIBILITY INTO CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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